

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendment to Claim 1 submitted on March 23, 2009 was deemed non-compliant. Certain limitation was mistakenly omitted as pointed out by the Office. Corrected amendment to claim 1 is hereby submitted. No new matter is added.

Request For Allowance

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. The applicant expresses his gratitude to the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative throughout the long prosecution of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the below signed representative, should she believe a telephone interview might help to expedite prosecution. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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